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Ministerial Personals

Rev. W. S. Nichols has resigned at North Andover, Mass., to accept a call to Montpelier, Vt.

Rev. A. L. Weatherly has resigned at Lincoln, Neb., to accept a call to Dayton, O.

Rev. W. D. Wilkie has resigned at Athol, Mass., to accept a call to South Natick and Sherborn, Mass.

Rev. S. L. Elberfeld has accepted a call to the North Church, New Bedford, Mass.

Rev. D. F. Mowrey has accepted a call to the churches in Aroostook County, Maine, and Rev. C. A. Henderson a call to West Somerville, Mass.

Rev. K. E. Evans has resigned at Elizabeth, N. J., to accept a call to Davenport, Ia.

Rev. W. R. Holloway has resigned at Alton, Ill., to accept a call to Bloomington, Ill.

Rev. C. F. Potter has resigned at Wellesley Hills, Mass., to accept an invitation to the Lenox Avenue Church in New York.

Rev. R. C. Leonard, lately Chaplain U.S.A., has taken charge of the church at Colorado Springs, Col.

The evening of Sunday, October 26, saw the installation of three new ministers in Massachusetts parishes, Mr. Townsend at Attleboro, Mr. Savage at Worcester, and Dr. Moore at Chestnut Hill.

Department of Religious Education

The Autumn Meeting of the Unitarian Sunday School Society will be held in Bulfinch Place Church, Boston, on Wednesday, Nov. 5, beginning promptly at ten o'clock. The theme to be considered is the material to be used in Sunday-school teaching. The claim that the Bible should be the exclusive subject for religious instruction in our church schools will be defended by Rev. Adelbert L. Hudson, under the title, "The Bible, the Text-Book of Civilization." Rev. Charles Francis Potter will present the use of some materials not found in the Bible, under the subject, "Religious Values in Extra-Biblical Material." There will be ample time allowed for a full discussion of these two phases of our problem of the materials to be used in religious education, and Dr. Lawrance will conclude the program with a twenty-minute address, "How the Beacon Course Uses Both."

It is evident that a vigorous discus-

sion will do much to clear our minds on this important subject, and that those who attend the meeting may, if they will, contribute as much to the program as do the speakers selected to give the addresses.

The afternoon session, beginning at half past one o'clock, will be in charge of the Committee on Religion in the Home, and will present that subject. Miss Harriet E. Johnson will speak on the use of hymns and songs in the home; Mrs. Caroline B. Lawrance, on "Reading and Marking the Bible"; and Mr. George G. Bradford will give an address on "The Service of Prayer". At this session, too, there will be opportunity for questions and discussion, and parents especially are asked to tell of their experiences in directing the religious life of their children, and to state their problems in the use of hymns, Bible and prayer in the home circle.

Between the two sessions a luncheon will be served to all who attend the meetings, with the compliments of certain of our churches and organizations. This will afford opportunity for extending acquaintance among the workers in our churches, and for informal conference on our Sunday-school problems.

A short Institute for Religious Education was held in Channing Hall on October 23, 24 and 25, under the auspices of the Tuckerman School and this department. The various addresses and demonstrations dealt with all sections of the work of our church schools, from that of the superintendent and the service of worship to the graded course of study and methods to be used in each of the grades. Trained workers, in some cases the authors of the books themselves, presented lessons from the Beacon Course, to show how to teach the lessons, where to place the emphasis, and, above all, what religious impression is to be conveyed by the lesson chosen. Addresses on the principles underlying religious education, how to teach church loyalty, and what the Alliance can do for the church school were given. A Biblical drama was presented by members of the Tuckerman School and others, and the closing hour offered an opportunity for all in attendance to hear a lecture by Dr. Kirsopp Lake, of Harvard, on Paul and the Early Church. As this lecture is one of a series to be given on Saturday mornings at Tuckerman School, it is hoped that many who heard this lecture by Dr. Lake will plan to take the remaining lectures of the course. The excellent program offered in this institute is due to Mrs. Clara T. Guild, Dean of Tuckerman School, who planned the sessions and secured the speakers.

This institute is in line with the present efforts of the department to supplement the summer institutes by local opportunities for short teacher-training courses. Dr. Lawrance has been holding meetings with church school workers in eleven of our churches. Miss Buck gave, in Washington, D. C., in October, five addresses and conferences, to Alliance members, to the congregation, and to the workers in the church school. The minister of the church, Rev. U. G. B. Pierce, preached a sermon on the importance of religious education. In this way the entire effort of the church for three days was directed to this important matter. A similar series of meetings will be held by Miss Buck in some of our churches in the middle west in November. Rev. Hugh Robert Orr, who is temporarily associated with the work of this department, has spoken to the Alliance at Westwood and given the opening address at the Boston Unitarian Sunday School Union on October 20.

In the same line is a new plan for co-operative work between the Sunday School Extension Committee of this department and the Alliance, to send trained workers to churches needing assistance in organizing their schools, introducing a graded course, and learning how to use what is offered at Headquarters in the way of materials and suggestions as to methods. While schools asking such assistance are expected to pay some part of the expense involved, they can through this association of two of the organizations of our

church secure expert assistance at much lower cost than by individual effort. The aim is to give temporary assistance to churches that cannot afford to employ a trained director of religious education to enable small schools to get their work started on right lines and with right materials. Application for such help should be made to this department or to the Alliance, 25 Beacon Street.

Department of New Americans

In the last issue of *Word and Work*, the Secretary spoke of the proposed union of the Icelandic Unitarian Church and the Independent Lutheran Church of Winnipeg. From Winnipeg the Secretary continued his journey to the Shoal Lake district, some seventy miles north of Winnipeg. Here Rev. Albert Kristjansson ministers to several congregations and groups of interested people scattered over a wide area. The principal church is at Otto, a cross-roads on the prairie five or six miles east of Lundar, the nearest town on the railroad. It has a congregation of farmers, and to meet their necessities service is held at two o'clock in the afternoon. It was the privilege of the Secretary to preach to as interested and attentive a congregation as he has met anywhere. The Secretary also met some of the group at Hove, where Mr. Kristjansson holds service four times a year. He also visits congregations fifty miles away on the shores of Lake Manitoba, but the Secretary did not have an opportunity to go so far. The journey must be made by horse and buggy, and takes several days. Mr. Kristjansson's work is heroic, and he is always on the move through the heat of summer and the bitter cold of a northern winter. He lives a hard life, but has a place in the hearts of his people that no other could fill.

From Winnipeg the Secretary went to Virginia, Minn. The church in this thriving city has firmly established itself under the energetic and faithful administration of Reverends Risto and Milma Lappala, and is one of the leading Finnish congregations. Three years ago a new church was organized at Angora, a farming community, twenty-five miles north of Virginia. This summer the congregation has built a church at a cross-roads in the woods and prairie. Although there seem to be few dwellings in the neighborhood the church is really in the center of a substantial farming community. The new church is a neat structure, thirty-six by twenty-six feet in size, and will serve both as a church and social center, and will be of great value to the community. The interior is not yet completed, but the Secretary had the pleasure of saying a few words to a good congregation seated on improvised benches. Mrs. Lappala interpreted what he said in Finnish and afterward delivered a stirring sermon in the language understood by the people.

From Virginia the Secretary went to Hanska, where he had a most interesting Sunday. The church was packed from the chancel to the doors and many latecomers stood outside. Following the service luncheon was served in the Kaffee Stuva, a building on the church grounds used for social purposes. Parishioners came from far and near for everyone in the region now has an automobile. One family drove sixty-five miles to be present. The people remained most of the afternoon, chatting and walking around the grounds. In the evening the Secretary addressed the Look-Up League in Liberal Union Hall. There was a large attendance and it would have done anyone good to see the warmth and enthusiasm with which the meeting was conducted. Mr. and Mrs. Norman have built on a broad and deep foundation in Hanska. They have passed the quarter century of ministry, and Hanska is really what they have made it.

The Secretary returned from his trip feeling that our work among these distant congregations is most important. Ground gained is never lost, and from these scattered centers a liberalizing influence is going forth which will have an effect upon our entire fellowship.

Publication Department

Owing to a sharp advance in the cost of the elements necessary to the manufacture and distribution of a publication, the October number of *Word and Work* was delayed, pending the adoption of a plan by the representatives of the associated societies which would, to some degree, prevent the cost of publishing this bulletin reaching the absolutely prohibitive stage as was threatened. After a number of conferences it was decided to eliminate the stiff covers and to reduce the number of pages from sixteen to twelve. In this way we hope to avoid the alternative of raising the subscription price, and at the same time we expect to give our subscribers practically the same general view of the work of the allied national societies, but in a more brief and condensed form.

The Baltimore Convention

The Publication Department was represented at the Convention by the Agent, and by two assistants, Miss Dorothy Routledge, the Reception Room clerk, and Miss Evelyn Monteith, assistant in the Publication Department. Tables were arranged in the lobby of the headquarters of the Conference, at Hotel Belvedere, where thirty-nine of the most recent and most popular tracts, and thirty-eight of the latest books, together with catalogues and circulars-Alliance, Tuckerman School, and Christian Register material were also on exhibition.

New Publications

Before the next number of *Word and Work*, we shall have published *A Thanksgiving Service*, by William I. Lawrance, Th.D., for use in Sunday schools at the Thanksgiving observance. This pamphlet sells for 8 cents per copy, plus delivery charges. A catalogue of the books in the Beacon Course is now ready for those interested; *A Thanksgiving Sermon*, by Julian C. Jaynes, will be published for distribution by the Post Office Mission; an *Annotated List of Lantern Slides for an Illustrated Lecture on the Landing of the Pilgrims;* Bulletin No. 15, in the Religious Education Series, entitled "Do You Really Believe in Religious Education?" by George A. Coe, will be ready by November 1; our new List of Books will be issued when this number of *Word and Work* reaches our readers, and copies of this catalogue will be sent to all our book patrons and to others upon application.

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Baltimore called and Alliance women answered in splendid numbers. From far and near they gathered, all the way from Eastport to Seattle and Los Angeles, from Toronto to Dallas, making a truly national representation. Messages from Great Britain, Holland, Italy, Germany, and Japan sounded, in no uncertain tones, a challenge to international fellowship that thrilled our hearts. A brief report of the Alliance meetings will appear in the December number.

Post Office Mission

The subject which has been given me is Post Office Mission Correspondence, a difficult one, and after thirty-two years as a Secretary, I feel very inadequate to deal with it, for in this as in many other things which we undertake, we are always, to some extent, learners. Still I shall be very glad if I may be able to say any word which may help or encourage those who need that word or who may be beginning the work.

One question which is sometimes asked by secretaries of new branches of the Post Office Mission is: "How can we get correspondents?"

May I make one suggestion?—which is the desirability of choosing a paper or magazine that is likely to reach a thoughtful set of readers. This does not necessarily mean that they should all be students, teachers, or ministers, although we are all glad to welcome these as correspondents, but we do wish if possible, to be free from applicants who pick up a cheap trashy publication, and who may see our offer of Unitarian literature placed next an advertisement of a very vulgar nature. There will be no danger of this if we advertise through Mr. Barber.

When applications come to us what shall we do? Shall we simply send the literature or shall we take a more personal notice of the request?

As a rule, from our experience, these first requests do not indicate whether the applicant asks from real interest in such subjects, or from curiosity, so we think it is not yet time to open a real correspondence. At the same time, it seems desirable to send a simple word of acknowledgment of the request, and to express our hope that we may hear again from the writer if he is interested, and if he wishes to have us continue sending him the literature. Even if no response comes to this letter, our custom is to send a second package in three or four weeks, and at the same time another short letter, enclosing stamped addressed envelope, asking if the applicant wishes more of our free literature, and adding that we shall hope to hear from him. This second package and letter frequently bring the word of interest which did not come from the first. Something in the second package may have especially appealed to the applicant, or he may have needed the assurance of our readiness to send this literature without compensation, which always seems to be a source of wonder to these people. When this word of interest comes with the indication that a continuance of the literature is desired, and perhaps asking questions upon special subjects, the name of that person is placed on our regular list, and he is considered a correspondent, or parishioner.

Now, what shall our attitude be towards these correspondents? This is a very important question, and a difficult one to answer satisfactorily. Shall we not try, as far as possible, to meet the individual needs of each one? Some we may never learn to know, except that

they are interested in all the reading that we send, but they never express themselves in such a way that they need more than the occasional friendly letter besides the literature. On the other hand, here may be a man brought up a Catholic, or under the strictest Lutheran or Orthodox influence. These old doctrines no longer appeal to his reason and he perhaps considers himself an agnostic. And yet, he reaches out for something to believe, something to hope for. Such a man, if he expresses this desire, is one to whom by our letters as well as by our reading we may be able to open the way to a hope and faith which will change his whole attitude towards life and death. Then there is the man or woman who dares to question, and yet who hardly dares to let go the old doctrines for fear of eternal punishment. These people often go through great suffering and struggle, and there are many such on our Post Office Mission lists. They need great sympathy. We must try to put ourselves in their place, hard as it is for us, born Unitarians, to do this, but by so doing we may be able, gradually, not too strenuously, to show them the naturalness, the simplicity, and the reasonableness of our faith. Such correspondents need, perhaps, more help than any others, because of their fears and the bondage in which they have lived under the shadow of the old doctrines, but the fact that they have come to us gives us the right to give to them our best efforts, and by so doing we often have the satisfaction of seeing very happy and permanent results.

Most of us who have been long in the work have on our lists theological students and ministers, doctors, teachers, lawyers, farmers, women with their home cares and problems, all of these needing and asking for something which they hope we can give. It is a great privilege, and also a great responsibility, to try to meet these needs, and each should have our careful thought and consideration. Our letters should always be cordial and sympathetic, and often very friendly relations are established with these correspondents as time goes on. Still, it seems to me that we may always be able, without for a moment taking the attitude of preachers, to say some word that shall touch the higher interests of life. The Cheerful Letter Committees are doing a beautiful work, but in our Post Office Mission we have a somewhat different end in view from theirs. We want, do we not? to help men and women who have come to us because of some spiritual needs. We want to try to show them what our religion may mean to them, and I think that we should never lose sight of that aim, or descend into a formal, perfunctory or superficial correspondence.

How long shall we keep correspondents on our list? Our experience is that if words of real interest have been even once received, no matter if letters come rarely afterwards, or if our letters are not always answered, we should go on sending literature. Every envelope containing either our letters or literature should be stamped outside with the address of the sender, and this insures the return of the letter, if not received. Over and over it has been my experience to receive a letter of interest after a silence of two, three, or four years—one, lately, after ten years, although in that case we had dropped the name from our list.

To the correspondents from whom we hear seldom, a friendly letter should be written, we think at least once a year, not to make the abrupt inquiry: "Do you want more of our literature?" but, perhaps, asking if that which has been sent has been received, if it has been helpful, if reading upon special subjects is desired, and hoping for continued interest. In many of these letters, according to circumstances, an addressed stamped envelope should be enclosed. The newer correspondents, and those with problems and questions, or with burdens and sorrows, need much more frequent letters, each one, of course, according to his or her special needs.

I hope that you are all familiar with the little book, "Miss Ellis's Mission." Miss Ellis was the pioneer in Post Office

Mission work. Her letters show in a beautiful and wonderful way what this correspondence may mean in giving hope and cheer and uplift to other lives. We cannot all hope or expect to do what Miss Ellis did, but we can work upon the same lines, and with the same high aims in view, and I am sure that in spite of discouragements and failures we may have the satisfaction and joy of the same results.

Our liberal faith is a very precious possession, and if we truly value it, surely we want to share its hope and cheer with others. This great privilege comes to us in our Post Office Mission. Methods and rules apply to our records and advertising, but not so much to our correspondence, and perhaps this is one reason why so many shrink from this part of the work. But, if we have a message, and if we believe in that message, we shall gradually gain courage and power to give to others something of the help that has come into our own lives through this blessed religion of Faith and Hope and Love.

ELLEN C. MORSE,
Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Executive Board

The 312th meeting of the Executive Board was held Tuesday, October 14, in the Unitarian Parish House, Baltimore, Md. There were present: Miss Lowell, Mmes. Whitman, Voigt, Lewis, Chamberlain, Davis, Noyes, Atherton, Wadsworth, Beard, Blanchard, Bailey, Houghton, Langmaid, Sawyer, Stearns, Ware, Donnell, Ranstead, Scudder, Breed, Willis, Coil, Perkins, Spalding, Dakin, and several visitors including the board of the Baltimore Alliance.

The Treasurer reported that from the Missionary fund (contributed at the public meeting of May 19) $20 has been sent to Miss Herford, $20 to Miss Van Eck, $100 to Signora Giulio (Benso) in Turin; and $214.28 (1800 francs) from special fund and War Relief, to Mme. Loyson. A grateful letter from Mme. Loyson told of the courage it gives her to feel that we are behind her in her efforts to help re-establish the homes of devastated France.

The following names have been placed *in memoriam:* Mrs. M. Gomar White by the Toronto Branch; Mrs. Ellen T. Maxfield by Fairhaven, Mass.; Miss Elizabeth P. Channing and Miss Ellen Channing by the Elizabeth P. Channing Branch, Dorchester; Mrs. Helen Renouf Blackmar by Second Church, Boston; Mrs Francis H. Haserot by Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Ruth A. Pray by Dover, N. H., Branch; Mrs. Grace Whiting Mitchell by First Church Pittsburgh Alliance. Mrs. Mitchell was formerly director for Western Pennsylvania.

To the lending papers have been added two on the life and work of Julia Ward Howe by Rev. J. T. Sunderland, D. D., and Rev. W. S. Jones.

On the recommendation of the Post Office Mission committee there has been printed for general distribution an abridged form of Miss Ellis's Mission, which has been carefully prepared by Miss Annie E. Howard.

The Southern Circuit report, presented by Miss Maria J. Bacon, chairman, showed the ministers in North Carolina at work with their usual vigor. A memorial to Mrs. Peterson has been received bearing the signatures of 36 friends in the Georgia-Florida Circuit. These names have been given to Post Office Mission workers as this Circuit is at present without a minister.

On hearing of the proposed drive for a Unitarian fund, the Board voted its approval of the drive, and empowered the President to appoint a committee to decide how The Alliance may cooperate and to determine for what share of the fund we shall ask. Mrs. Noyes, Miss Lowell, and Miss Sawyer are this committee.

It was voted to accept with regret the resignation of Mrs. W. S. Nichols, who is leaving Massachusetts for Vermont.

It was voted to ask Mrs. C. W. Wendte to convey the greetings of the Executive Board to the California branches she may visit the coming winter.

A letter from Fraulein Barth of Germany acknowledged the greetings sent by the annual meeting May 21.

Greetings were received from the Japan Unitarian Association together with an earnest request from Prof. Furness, who has recently returned from Japan, that The Alliance consider some special line of cooperation, such as providing a Japanese assistant for the minister, to help the Sunday School in Tokyo. On motion of Mrs. Voigt it was voted that Mrs. Van Alstyne, secretary of the International committee, who expects soon to go to Japan, be asked to consider this matter and report after visiting Tokyo, and be allowed $100 from the Missionary fund to spend in executing this commission.

Mrs. Cornish told of her summer in the British Isles paying high tribute to the spirit and work of the British League and suggesting definite ways of cooperation that shall bring us together in an ever closer union for maintaining liberal principles in the world.

Then followed words of greeting and news of conditions at many points, Mrs. Lewis speaking for the South, Mrs. Perkins for the State of Washington, for Vancouver and Victoria, Mrs. Chamberlain for the great Western district, Mrs. Willis for Texas, Miss Spalding for California. It was voted to send good wishes to the University Branch, Seattle, in return for the greetings presented by Mrs. Perkins.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

A Word to Treasurers

The Treasurer of The Alliance sends greetings to the ninety-two new branch treasurers this year and welcomes the continued cooperation of those who continue in office. She asks from all prompt and businesslike methods in the conduct of the financial side of our Alliance work. The returns of the past year show a gratifying increase in the number of branches which sent in their dues before the end of the financial year, and yet, when the books were closed on April 30, forty-one treasurers had not been heard from.

While the new Manual shows no increase in numbers, the amount received for membership dues last year exceeded by nearly $400 that of the previous year, showing that a larger number of branches are giving up their local fee and that more and more our members are coming to appreciate the advantages of maintaining full membership in The Alliance.

In order to facilitate their work and co-ordinate it with that of the general Treasurer, will branch treasurers please observe the following directions:

1. Study the Manual Tables (pp. 156 to 171) and arrange accounts so that the items in the tables may be readily drawn off and entered on the blanks which are sent out each spring for the compilation of the Manual.

2. Remember that the financial year of The Alliance is May 1 to April 30, and all branches are urged to adopt the same dates, making appropriations before April 30 and closing the books on that date, even when the meetings are prolonged into May or June.

3. Send out bills for dues early in the year and forward one-third to the general Treasurer as soon as all are collected, surely before April 30.

4. In sending the annual dues please state the number of members and if some pay only a local fee, give the number and name the amount of the fee. Both classes must be counted in making up the amount due. For example: Assuming a branch to have a membership of 63, of which 48 pay a local fee of 25 cents, while the remaining 15 pay the full fee of $1.00, the dues are reckoned as follows:

15 members at $1.00 equals	$15.00
48 members at .25 equals	12.00
Total receipts	$27.00

One-third of $27.00, is $9.00, which is the amount due the general treasury. No one should be counted a member of a branch until her dues are paid. Honorary members bear such titles in the branch only, and for such, one-third of the regular dues should be paid. Life membership in the general association does not constitute a woman a member

of a branch. Each branch must reckon at least three members as full dollar members. All delegates to business meetings of The Alliance must be regular members paying the dollar fee to the branches to which they belong.

5. Send all money for furthering the general work of The Alliance directly to the Treasurer. This includes not only the one-third membership fees, life memberships and gifts made *in memoriam*, but all contributions made for Southern Circuit, and in response to the Appeals which are printed each month at the end of the Alliance section of *Word and Work*. Money intended for other objects should be sent directly to the treasurers of the societies designated. This refers especially to the Carolina Industrial School which is often confused with the Southern Circuit work, with which it is closely affiliated, but under a separate organization. Addresses of treasurers of other Unitarian societies can be found in the Manual.

6. Make all checks payable to the Treasurer and send to her at 25 Beacon St., Boston. Also please give full address to which receipt is to be sent.

And finally, be not content with the work of your office until every woman connected with your church is an Alliance member, and feel a personal responsibility in keeping your number equal to or above what it was when you entered the office.

LUCIA CLAPP NOYES,
Treasurer.

Our Friends in Hungary

The latest news from Hungary has been given in the *Christian Registers* of October 9 and 16, by Dr. Wendte. It shows how tragic the situation was even before the Bolshevist uprising, with Bishop Ferencz, now eighty-seven years old, under military guard, and the family of Dr. Boros fined because he sought relief for the churches of Transylvania.

The monument dedicated by pilgrims from many lands in 1910 to commemorate the martyrdom of Francis David at Deva Castle is utterly in ruins, and there is little chance that enough Unitarians are alive to need a memorial church in the lower slopes of the hill. Before August 1914 money had been raised by Dr. Gannett, Dr. Wendte and Mrs. St. John to add to the Hungarian and English contributions for this church. Now, with the consent of the donors the thirteen hundred dollars, with what other sums may be given, will be sent for more pressing needs, at the earliest safe moment. To learn the actual condition of the Unitarians in Hungary, a representative of the English and American Unitarians is soon to visit that country.

Meanwhile, the International committee is earnestly thinking of the plight of our Hungarian friends, and praying that the survivors of the war may be spared from bondage. Would that we might help to secure their freedom from Roumania, whose yoke will be more intolerable even than Austria's. The Magyars living in Roumania have long been denied freedom of language and religion, while no country in Europe has given to all peoples and races such freedom in education and religion as Hungary; a condition which dates back to the edict of the Unitarian King, in 1568.

In many a peasant home, on the slopes of the Carpathians have I seen the picture of Kossuth and heard liberty discussed in stirring though unknown words. In many a village have I visited the school and church so dear to their hearts. And during these fateful years, I have often wondered if the early and late services were still being held *every day* in these far-away churches when other great wars had been powerless to stop them during three hundred and fifty years. Shall we have devotion and self-sacrifice to equal theirs, and help them according to their need?

MARTHA EVERETT ST. JOHN.

Junior Fellowship

As many of our Juniors have been helping the little children of the Crèche in Southern France, the following letter from the directrice will be of interest

to them. With it came a charming photograph of the sixty children, which we wish we might reproduce here.

CAP D'ANTIBES,
Easter Monday.

"I am enclosing a photograph of a group of the little people under our care. The 30 Crèche children spent the day with the 30 little Refugees in the 'Garderie Brantford,' and were all photographed together.

"It is entirely through the financial support of the Canadian members of this Association and of American friends that we have been able to carry on the work as we have done. This Association was officially closed on April 5th, and the Crèche has been closed also, both having served their purpose during the war. The Garderie is going to be kept open with the help of friends for many years, I hope, as a private charity. We have the lease of the house for nine years. Dear Mrs. Voigt brought us the box of lovely clothes you made for our babies. The five babies in the picture with me all received an Easter present from this box, and a parcel was sent to the wife of a French soldier, who is very poor and has a tiny baby.

We are the only district visitors among the French and Italian poor and the French and Belgian refugees in Antibes. With a population of nearly 2,000, we have no children's ward in the hospital, and only one cot for them in the women's ward, so you can realize how much home nursing we have to do, and how it has wrung our hearts to find little children fighting for their lives, with the father away serving his country, and the mother unable to get milk, or to afford a doctor or medicine.

I am thankful to tell you that now the war is over, things are better, but we have much work to do among the invalid soldiers and their families. The prices of food and clothes are still very high in France, and living is very hard for the poor."

The New England Associate Alliance will hold its first meeting Thursday, November 13, 1919, in Leominster, Mass. Mrs. Claude U. Gilson will bring a Message from Overseas, Americanization work will be described by Dr. Johnson of Lynn and Mrs. Root. Dr. Rihbany will give an address. Box luncheon as usual. Delegates who wish to be entertained over night please address Mrs. Edward H. Saxton, Orchard St., Leominster. Buy tickets for North Leominster. Automobiles will meet the 9.30 train for Fitchburg from North Station.

Appeals stand as follows:

Green Harbor	$375
Meadville Students	195
Pacific School	192
Tuckerman School	250
Special Scholarship for Tuckerman School	100
Southern Circuit in addition to pledges	1,200
Italian Mission	508
Sunday School Worker	500

It is proposed to form in Boston an evening branch of The Alliance for teachers and women otherwise employed during the day. Membership will be drawn from all over the city, and the meetings will be held in some central place easily accessible. Will those who feel interested to join such a group send name and address to The Alliance, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, that due notice of the first meeting may be forwarded.

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters: Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

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Mrs. Cloyd H. Valentine, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUNDAY—THE LAST SUNDAY OF JANUARY

(Letter sent to nearly all the Unitarian ministers of America)

Boston, Mass., October 15, 1919.

The young people's organization of the Unitarian church is fully awake to the needs and opportunities of today. We are making real and perceptible progress. This coming year we have set our hopes on establishing a firm place in the denomination for the young people. As a means toward this end we want to have an annual YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUNDAY. Since the young people are essential to the continued life of our church will you not be willing to set apart the morning service on the last Sunday of January as Young People's Day?

We know of course that you are best able to judge of the way to successfully work it out in your own church. You may, however, be interested in knowing what has been done in the First Parish in Hingham on two annual Young People's Sundays. The members of the Y. P. R. U. appointed committees which chose the hymns and service, ushered and took up the collection, a part of which was given for the work of the national Y. P. R. U.; two of the young people stepped to the lectern, at the proper times, and read the scripture lessons; the young people personally invited their parents and other young people, who ought to have been connected with the church, to attend this service; and they invited Chaplain Horton of the Massachusetts Senate to address them. Among many services this is the only one that the people of the parish have asked to have repeated a year later. In arranging your own service, however, there are only two essential points. First, either preach on the young people, as the hope of the church, or, if that seems unwise to you, mention before the sermon that it is Young People's Sunday throughout the denomination. Secondly, give your people a chance to contribute toward the work of the young people's national organization.

I have talked with many of our fellow ministers, among them Dr. Brown of King's Chapel, Mr. Gilmour of Dallas, Texas, Mr. Loring of Ann Arbor, Mich., Channing Brown, Dr. Eliot and Minot Simons, and all of them have been enthusiastic for YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUNDAY and have promised their support.

Sincerely yours,

Houghton Page, *President.*

Socials planned for the year by one society:

1. Get-together party.
2. Bacon Bat.
3. Halloween Party.
4. Two plays for the Ladies' Society.
5. Pop Concert.
6. Advertising Party.
7. Mystery Play.
8. Dancing Party.
9. Second Anniversary Celebration.
10. Misfortune Party.
11. Easter Vacation Supper Party.
12. Costume Party.
13. May Party.
14. Annual Picnic.

DON'T FORGET!

Y. P. R. U. Fair at the South Congregational Church, Boston, Nov. 7 and 8.

Unitarian Temperance Society

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A RESOLUTION
PASSED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

At the meeting of the General Conference of Unitarian and other Christian Churches, held in Baltimore, October 14–17, the following resolution was offered by the President of the Unitarian Temperance Society, approved by the business committee and passed unanimously by the Conference:

In view of the ratification of the Prohibition Amendment by an overwhelming majority of the States, and the passage of laws by Congress to make it effective, be it resolved;

> That this Conference calls upon its churches and citizens everywhere, not only to obey the laws themselves, but to loyally support the government in their enforcement, and to supplement such enforcement by educating children and young people generally in Self-control, Good Citizenship, and the wider application of Temperance Principles; and to build up in every possible way the natural substitutes for the saloon, as for example, wholesome sports and amusements, gymnasiums, parks and playgrounds, libraries and social centres, and, most important and far-reaching of all, the home itself.

When the Saloon Goes

The saloon has its being in the craving for alcohol. The sociability of it is alcohol soaked and proves little or nothing as to what the same men, alcohol-free, would want. When a man's whole nature is cleared of the degrading effect of the drug, and the possibility of a return to it dismissed from his mind, he will surprise himself by the new kindling of interest which he will feel in his home, in his neighbors, in his work, in wholesome recreation with his family, in his church. If his home conditions are poor he will begin to remedy them. The facts from prohibition cities make this clear. A great many present saloon patrons will not be inclined to get back into anything like the saloon group again. I look for the development of independent workingmen's clubs like those which flourish in England. There will, of course, be places conducted by men now in the liquor business, at which soft drinks will be sold. And there will be need for experiments in the way of model saloon substitutes. But the great substitute will be the Home.—

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